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Interview with Emmanuel Kreike, author of *Scorched Earth*

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In *Scorched Earth: Environmental Warfare as a Crime Against Humanity and Nature* (Princeton UP, 2021), Emmanuel Kreike offers a global history of environmental warfare and makes the case for why it should be a crime. The environmental infrastructure that sustains human societies has been a target and instrument of war for centuries, resulting in famine and disease, displaced populations, and the devastation of people’s livelihoods and ways of life. *Scorched Earth* traces the history of scorched earth, military inundations, and armies living off the land from the sixteenth to the twentieth century, arguing that the resulting deliberate destruction of the environment—”environcide”—constitutes total war and is a crime against humanity and nature. (Source: [New Books Network](#))

In this episode of *New Books in Environmental Studies*, Ahmed Yaqoub AlMaazmi interviews Emmanuel Kreike, author of *Scorched Earth: Environmental Warfare as a Crime Against Humanity and Nature*.

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